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LETTER DATED 30 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit for the information of the members of the Security Council the enclosed note verbale regarding new developments in Iraq emanating from open intervention by the United States of America and other Western European Governments under the pretext of protecting the Kurdish population in the North.

I kindly request that this letter and its enclosure be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Joseph LAGU
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 30 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to convey the following:

1. The Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France have dispatched military forces to northern Iraq to construct some so-called safe camps for displaced Kurdish population there without the prior consent of the Government of Iraq and in spite of the unequivocal confirmation of the Secretary-General for the necessity of obtaining the clear consent of the Iraqi Government in this respect.

2. Above step was motivated by a false pretext of extending humanitarian emergency aid to the Kurdish population within the framework of Security Council resolution 688 (1991).

3. The Secretary-General himself and an overwhelming number of Member States have considered this action as contradictory to the United Nations Charter and international law as it directly violates the sovereignty and independence of Iraq.

4. The emergency camps already constructed in some parts of northern Iraq by those States have proved to be a futile exercise as they could not attract any sizeable Iraqi Kurdish population.

5. The Iraqi authorities have actively and in good faith cooperated with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan implementing the agreement already achieved with the Secretary-General in that respect.

6. The already executed intentions of the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France to spread what they called international police forces in northern Iraq for the protection of the inhabitants of the camps already constructed there have proved to be a new international political game. The sole purpose behind it was to exasperate the already existing intervention in the internal affairs of Iraq under the umbrella of the United Nations.

7. Above only confirms that the United Nations is being used as a tool leading towards certain objectives contravening with the letter and spirit of the Charter of the Organization.

8. The healthy environment in which negotiations were conducted between the Iraqi Government and the Iraqi Kurdish representatives heading towards a

mutual national agreement have provided all Iraqis with a new spirit and equally shed new light on the so-called humanitarian motives propagated by the American administration and its allies.

9. Based on the above facts the Secretary-General and all members of the Security Council are sincerely called upon to exercise the utmost possible pressure on the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France to halt their present intervention in the internal affairs of Iraq.

10. Those Governments are also called upon to expeditiously hand over those camps already constructed in northern Iraq to the incumbent representatives of the United Nations and also to the emergency centres established by them in accordance with the terms of agreement already arrived at with the Iraqi Government.